

DOC  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00,422)

PATENT

#5/52  
3-14-01  
GAL 1645

In the Application of:

Yan

Serial No. 09/619,198

Filing Date: July 19, 2000

For: VGF Polypeptides and Methods of  
Treating VGF-Related Disorders



Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Not Assigned

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED  
MAR 05 2001  
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Dear Sir:

- In regard to the above identified application,
1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
    - a) Information Disclosure Statement;
    - b) PTO Form 1449; and cited references
    - c) Return postcard
  2. With respect to fees:
    - a) No fees are required
    - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
  3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage via Regular Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 22, 2001.

Date: 22 February 2001

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin E. Noonan, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 35,303



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00,422)

PATENT

In re Application of: Yan and Boone )  
Serial No.: 09/619,198 )  
Filed: July 19, 2000 )  
For: VGF Polypeptides and Methods )  
of Treating VGF-Related Disorders )

Before the Examiner:

Group Art Unit: 1645

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

RECEIVED

MAR 05 2001

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98 in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants do not believe any additional fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
**McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff**

Dated: February 21, 2001

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Kevin E. Noonan, Ph.D.  
Reg. No. 35,303



**RECEIVED**

MAR 05 2001

TECH CENTER 1600/2900